GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW , JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1779
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FUNCTIONING OF ADVOCATES WELFARE FUND
VARKALA RADHAKRISHNAN

Will the Minister of LAW , JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have taken any decision regarding the functioning of Advocates Welfare Fund in different States and at the Centre; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS(SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)

(a) & (b): The Advocates` Welfare Fund Act, 2001 has already been brought into force with effect from 01.11.2001 in the whole of India except the States in which the enactments specified in Schedule II are applicable. Under section 3(1) of the Act, the appropriate Government has been empowered to constitute the Advocates` Welfare Fund. The expression `appropriate Government` means the State Government in the case of advocates admitted on the roll of a Bar Council of a State, and the Central Government in the case of advocates admitted on the roll of a Bar Council of a Union territory. The power to constitute the Advocates` Welfare Fund in the Union territories has been delegated to their Administrators under article 239(1) of the Constitution. The Governments of the States concerned and the Union territories have already been addressed to take necessary action under the Act.